



UNION CITY STEAM LAUNDRY, CHURCH STREET.

SUCKER BITE.

A man who smokes four cigars a day and chews twenty-five cents worth of tobacco a week, said he was too poor to take a local paper. He is a smart man, too. And economical, I should smile. This saving fellow was getting a Maine story paper, and found that by sending a dollar he could get a cure for drunkenness. Sure enough he did. It was "take the pledge and keep it." Later on he sent fifty two-cent stamps to find out how to raise beets successfully. He found out. The answer came, "just take hold and pull." Being single he wished to marry and sent thirty-four one-cent stamps to a Chicago firm to learn how to make an impression. When the answer came it reads, "sit down in a pan of dough." That was a little tough, but he was a patient man and thought he would try to succeed. The next advertisement he read "how to double your money in six months." He was told to convert his money into bills, fold them and he would see his money doubled. But he was bound to get some useful secret that he could make money so he sent \$5 to find out how to write without pen and ink. The answer was, "try lead pencil." Then he sent a dollar to learn "how to get rich." "Work like the devil and never spend a cent." This was discouraging, but he decided to try just one more and sent a two-dollar bill to learn how

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Some six years ago, S. W. Godwin, as an investment, built a neat and commodious brick building on Church street, just east of the Mobile and Ohio railroad depot, and equipped it with the latest and most perfect steam laundry machinery. The business was then conducted by S. W. Godwin and W. R. Andrews, who failing to see in it a money-maker turned it loose in a short while, and it then passed into the hands of Messrs. Chitwood & Woosley, whose bright golden dreams of fortune failing to materialize prompted them to relinquish their claim to the property. W. H. McRea, of Madisonville, Ky., then invested some of his wealth in the business, and having had experience and being familiar with the workings of a steam laundry he made money from the start, and soon after getting control of the business he disposed of part interest to C. H. Sherrill & Co. On account of bad health and a desire to change his location, Mr. McRee disposed of his interest in the business to his partners and the business was continued under the ownership and management of C. H. Sherrill & Co. until about the beginning of this year, when the business passed into the hands of its present owners, G. L. Waddell & Co., with G. L. Waddell, manager. The latter was manager for the old firm of C. H. Sherrill & Co. and

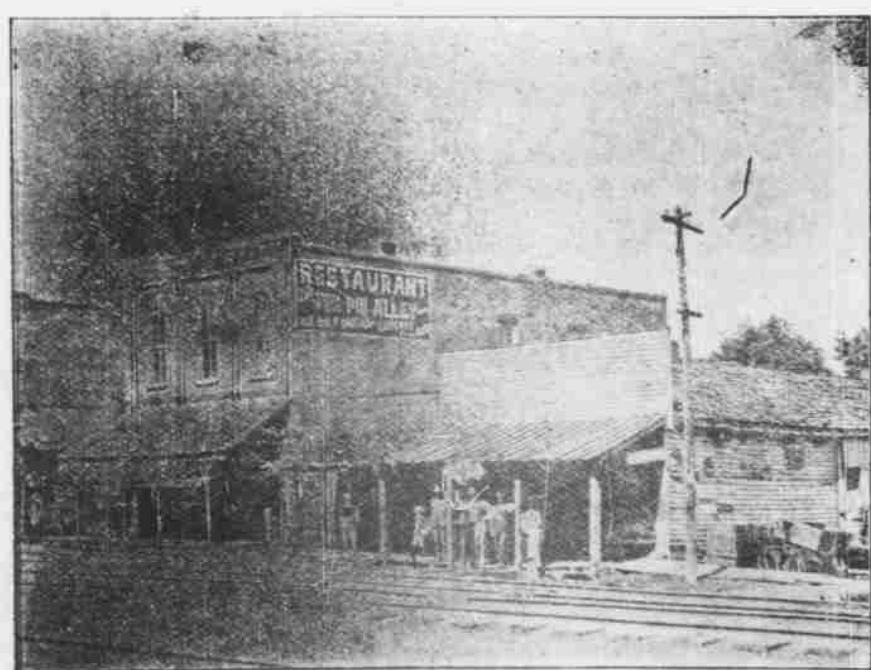


E. P. GRISSOM'S GROCERY STORE.

to live without work and was told to "fish for suckers as we do." He takes the home paper now and is happy.—EX.

E. P. GRISSOM.

While the city is well supplied with meat and vegetable markets, Grissom's is the only thing of the kind east of the Mobile & Ohio railroad, though he does not depend upon his side of the town for trade, as his delivery wagon daily visits all parts of the city, delivering fresh meats and vegetables of all kinds and descriptions, besides everything in the grocery line. It is old and tried and says that "some are born great, some achieve greatness while others have greatness thrust upon them." Grissom has achieved greatness in the grocery and market business by keeping only the best of everything in his line. You can order by telephone or send your child to his store with the full assurance that your order will be filled as acceptably as if you went in person. He has just put upon the market the Thompson & Taylor coffee, a mixture of genuine Mocha and Java, the best thing ever brought to this city. Connoisseurs of this delectable drink will have no other after trying the Thompson & Taylor brand.



U. C. FISH CO. AND CITY TEN-PIN ALLEY.

has had considerable experience in the business. The laundry is one of Union City's most prominent enterprises, doing one of the largest businesses in West Tennessee. There trade extends from here to Cairo, to Memphis and to Nashville, embracing nearly every town within a radius of 100 miles. Notwithstanding Jackson has two fine steam laundries, the Union City Steam laundry sends its work right through Madison county's capital to adjacent towns.

One of Uncle Sam's Alaskan islands can boast the largest stamp mill in the world. It has 540 stamps and crushes quartz enough daily to give \$8,640 in gold, which the other mills in the plant increase to \$14,000.

The Department of Fisheries of Newfoundland has at present twenty-eight hatcheries in operation. Every year these give life to 450,000,000, and, during seven years there have been placed in the sea more than 3,000,000,000 young lobsters.

During the tremendous excitement of gold discovery in California, the greatest production in the United States was \$65,000,000 per annum. The regular gold production of the country is now greater than that, and it is annually increasing about 10 per cent.

MORGAN & HARDY BROS.

Brummell & Hardy began the shoe business in Union City in 1887, and about 1890 Mr. Hardy (Geo. S.) bought out the interest of his partner, Mr. Brummell, and associated with him his brother Clas, P. Hardy. In 1887, the same year in which Geo. S. Hardy opened his shoe store, J. R. Morgan embarked in the clothing business. In '91 Hardy Bros. bought out an interest in the clothing firm of J. R. Morgan and the style of the clothing firm was Morgan & Hardy. In 1893 the two businesses were consolidated, but the stocks were kept in different houses. In 1893 the two houses were joined under the firm name of Morgan & Hardy Bros., and has continued so until the present, and their business has increased with each successive year. The firm occupies 24,000 feet of floor space, and every conceivable spot is covered with the latest and most stylish designs in clothing, boots, shoes and gents' furnishing goods. It matters not whose assignees stock is on the market, or who is selling out to quit business the above firm always meet the prices with the freshest and latest goods. Morgan & Hardy Bros. claim the happy distinction of selling more goods in their line than any firm in West Tennessee outside of Memphis, Jackson not excepted. Fortune seems to have emptied her cornucopia into the lap of this firm and their business causes many competitors to turn green with envy. But in business, as in a game of marbles, every player wishes to knock the "mangler," and Morgan & Hardy Bros. have a reputation as extensive as Obion County of "plumping the middlers" of the clothing and shoe business of the county, while their competitors occasionally knock out a corner man. They are the clothing and shoe dealers of the county, who will save you money on every purchase.

J. R. THOMPSON.

The main thing in compounding a prescription is the purest drugs and no substitution. Thompson, the druggist, uses only the best and purest drugs, and if he hasn't an ingredient that a prescription calls for, and cannot obtain it in the city he is honest enough to say so. Mr. Thompson is a registered pharmacist and has had ten years' experience in the business.

He was born and reared in this county, first seeing the light in district no. 2 on January 22, 1872.

The first seven years of Mr. Thompson's life were spent on a farm, but he believes that a farmer's life is more prosaic than poetry; and no dreams of the whistle of Bob White, the berry patch and the swimming-hole, brings a longing in his breast to return to the



The average number of horses killed in Spanish bull fights every year exceeds 5,000, while from 1,000 to 1,200 bulls are sacrificed.

The output of sardines on the Maine coast is likely to be increased from 900,000 cans in 1898 to 2,000,000 this year, in consequence of the introduction of the new canning machine.

A philosophical statistician calculates that in the year 2000 there will be 1,700,000,000 people who speak English, and that the other European languages will be spoken by only 500,000,000 people.

plantation. Bob has made a success of the drug business and is satisfied with his present occupation.

The eighteenth day of last April he was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Miss Lane Neltzer, one of the prettiest and most cultured young ladies of Metropolis, Illinois.

The J. R. Thompson drug store, corner Mary and Depot streets, is replete with all that constitutes a first-class establishment of that kind. He caters especially to the ladies in the fancy druggist sundries line, a better assortment of which can probably be found at his store than any drug store in the city.

His prescription department is his hobby, and besides himself he now has connected with him Mr. Will. D. Muse, one of the best prescriptionists in the country.

A cyclone bloweth him into the bosom of his neighbor's wife and his neighbor's wife's husband bloweth him into the bosom of Father Abraham, before he hath time to explain.

He emptieth a demijohn into himself, and a shot gun into his enemy, and his enemy's son lieth in wait on election day, and lo, the corner ploweth up a forty-acre field to bury the remains of that man.

Woe, woe in Kentucky, for her eyes are red with bad whisky, and her soil is stained with the blood of damijits. Seiah.—Ex.

AS IT IS IN KENTUCKY.

Man born in the wilds of Kentucky is of fued days and easy virtue. He fisheth, fiddleth, fuseth and fighteth all the days of his life.

He shunneth water as a mad dog and drinketh much whisky.

When he desireth to raise hell he planteth a neighbor and lo he reapeth twentyfold. He riseth even from his cradle to seek the scalp of his grandfather's enemy, and bringeth home in his carcass the ammunition of his neighbor's wife's cousin's uncle's father-in-law, who avengeth the deed.

Yea, verily his life is uncertain and he knoweth not the hour when he may be jerked hence.

He goeth forth on a journey "half shot" and cometh back on a shutter, shot.

He riseth in the night to let the cat out and it taketh nine doctors three days to pick the buckshot from his carcass.

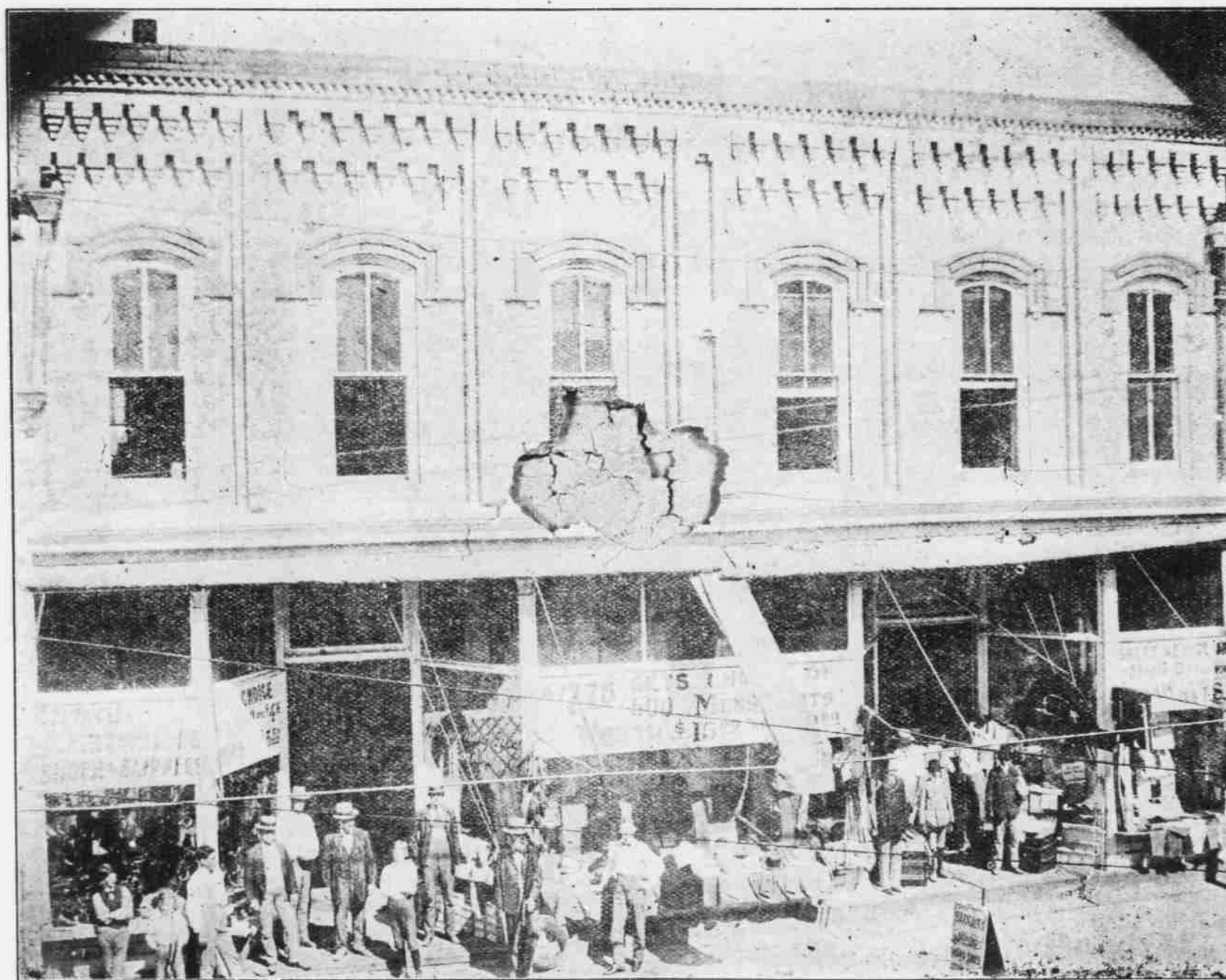
He goeth forth in joy and gladness and cometh back in scraps and fragments.

He calleth his fellow man a liar and getteth himself filled with scrap iron even to the fourth generation.

The rate of pulsation is 120 per minute in infancy, 80 in manhood, and 60 in old age.

Lord Kelvin, in a lecture, stated that as a result of recent investigations it was estimated that the earth had been the abode of life for about 36,000,000 years.

Science has calculated that an average puff of cigar smoke sets free over 2,000,000 tiny particles, a whiff from a pipe liberates over 1,800,000,000 of these particles, and one from a cigarette starts 2,900,000,000 of them flying through the surrounding atmosphere.



LARGE SHOE AND CLOTHING ESTABLISHMENT OF MORGAN & HARDY BROS., FIRST STREET.

UNION CITY FISH CO.

H. C. Briggs, the manager of the above named Company, is an old Obion County boy, well and favorably known, not only by the people of Union City, but by nearly everyone in the county, especially those who have ever wet a fish hook or fired a gun. He is authority on everything pertaining to hunting and fishing in this section, and when the fish run, the squirrels play or the duck and geese light is on, Henry is sure to be able to tell you all about it. And he should be a competent authority, because for the past four years his company has shipped more game and fish from this market than any firm has ever shipped from Union City in the same length of time. The Union City Fish Company controls the catch of some 600 or 700 nets on Reelfoot lake, and in the many fish-boxes in their warehouse can always be found nearly every species of fresh-water fish, frog-legs, ducks etc. This Company is also proprietors of the Biggs & Curran grocery on First street, presided over by Mr. W. J. Briggs, the father of the manager of the U. C. Fish Company. The grocery is well supplied with a full and well selected stock of staple and fancy groceries.

A TRUE STORY.

Charley Rooks, editor of the Somerville Journal, was in town Saturday night on his way to Gibson Wells.

"Why don't you," said he to a Sun reporter, "write a true story every once in a while and get your paper talked about? I have come to the conclusion that the publication of a fact in a newspaper every now and then doesn't do any harm."

"I heard a story the other day that had the merit of being out of the ordinary and at the same time containing the necessary elements

of truthfulness to make it of interest.

"The story was told me by a newspaper friend of mine. He said he went fishing not long ago and captured a fine trout alive. He had long held to a theory that a fish could be trained to live out of water if one went about it right. So he carried this one home. At first he put it in rather a good sized puddle in the back yard. He reduced the water supply very gradually and one day when the puddle dried up he was delighted to find the trout alive and apparently enjoying existence.



A. B. CAMPBELL'S LIVERY STABLE, WASHINGTON AVENUE.

"For some time after that it used to flop around the yard with the chickens. It appeared to like grass and kept my friend's yard mowed down as evenly as a mowing machine could have done. He also taught it to jump over sticks and bring his lunch to the office every day at noon.

"One day it followed him to the woods and while trying to cross a creek on a foot log fell in and was

drowned."

"All that's the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth," asked the reporter.

"Why if you doubt it in the least," said Mr. Rooks vehemently, "if you entertain the least particle of doubt as to the truthfulness of that touching narrative, I can carry you to Nashville and show you the very spot I was standing on when my friend told it to me." And who could say any fairer than that?—Jackson Sun.

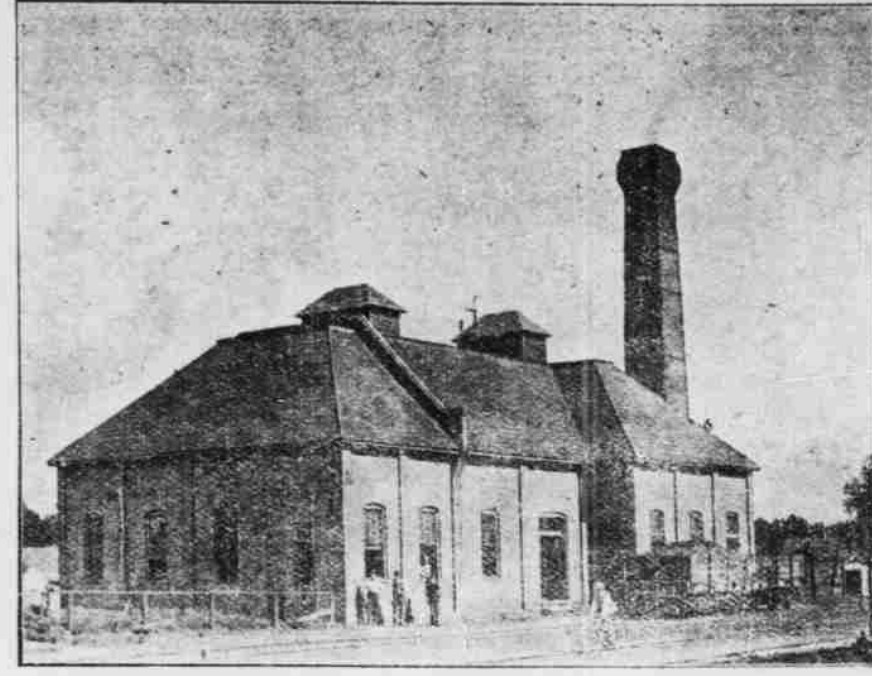
A. B. CAMPBELL.

A. B. Campbell is one of Union City's most prominent, popular and successful young business men. He first saw the light in Bedford County, Tenn., May 1st, 1870. Both of Mr. Campbell's parents died when he was three years of age, and he was taken to raise by an uncle. About 14 years ago Mr. Campbell came to Union City and worked in Beck's furniture factory eight years, when he embarked in the livery business in which he has been unusually successful, having a natural aptitude for the business, and being a great lover of the horse, of which he is one of the best judges in the country. His stable, on Washington Ave. is one of the nicest, neatest, most commodious and conveniently arranged in this section. Mr. Campbell personally superintends his business, and sees that his own stock and that of others left in his care is given the best of attention. Attached to his stable is an elegantly furnished waiting-room for ladies which is a great convenience and a source of pleasure to those of the fair sex who come unattended. Mr. Campbell keeps the most stylish, gentlest of horses, and the most elegant vehicles of all kinds, and pays special attention to the hitching and feeding of stock.

Cuba and Porto Rico used to buy annually \$5,000,000 worth of shoes of Spanish manufacture, and a clumsy article they were. A much better grade of American shoes is selling in the island now for 50 per cent. less.

"Your Aunt Martha bears herself like a woman who had known some remarkable experience in life."

"Yes, she fainted once and a man had to carry her three flights of stairs."—Detroit Free Press.



WATERWORKS AND ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANT.

THE UNION CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The Union City Public Library, as a possibility, was first discussed at the Presbyterian manse after a meeting of the University Club. A preliminary meeting was held a few days later at the residence of A. J. Lawson in which ways and means were fully considered.

This was followed by a public meeting in the parlor of the Palace Hotel. The newspaper reported of this meeting:

"A number of ladies and gentlemen met in the rooms of the Palace Hotel for the purpose of organizing a library association. H. C. Kegley presided, W. H. Griffin acted as secretary.

"The name decided on was 'Union City Library association,' and organization was perfected by electing John T. Walker, president; H. C. Kegley, vice-president; T. L. Bransford, treasurer and W. H. Griffin, secretary. An executive committee was appointed consisting of Mrs. J. C. Reynolds, A. J. Lawson, Misses Nell Hughes and Laura Kroger."

The next newspaper notice is as follows:

"At an adjourned meeting of the library association at the Presbyterian manse, Tuesday night, Pres. Walker presided; committee reported; good progress.

A board of control was created consisting of the president, vice-

The present year has been equally prosperous. Though inclement weather and various other obstacles have prevented those interested from doing as much active work as was done last year the financial condition of the library has been very satisfactory. A donation of \$100 from Andrew Carnegie was a welcome gift.

The attendance in the reading rooms still continues good and the circulation of books has doubled within the year. New books are still being added, and the association is doing all in its power to make the institution a source of benefit and pleasure to the inhabitants of the town.

T. C. HALE.

Mr. T. C. Hale has been in the grocery business in Union City nearly 16 years. He is a native of Obion County, and was reared on one of its fertile farms. By courteous treatment, fair dealing and strict attention to business he has built up a lucrative trade. He owns a nice little home, is a member of the Baptist Church and the Golden Cross. His young son, Homer, is in the house as clerk and bids fair to become one of our best business men. In the past sixteen years, many, with big pretenses, have engaged in the grocery business in Union City. But they past out, their glamour has gone, and T. C. Hale is still going on in the even tenor of his way, constantly making



INTERIOR VIEW OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

resident, treasurer, A. J. Lawson and C. E. Keiser.

The work was all the time being carried on as rapidly as possible. Funds were solicited, and the different committees directed their energies to the furnishing of the rooms and the collection of the books belonging to the old library.

On December 17, 1897, the newspaper comment runs thus:

"The public library is a certainty. About \$300 has been subscribed, and about one-half of it collected. Rooms over Porter & Radebaugh's have been rented and will probably be opened in January 10, 1898. It was intended to have a formal opening on the following Friday evening but the inclemency of the weather prevented.

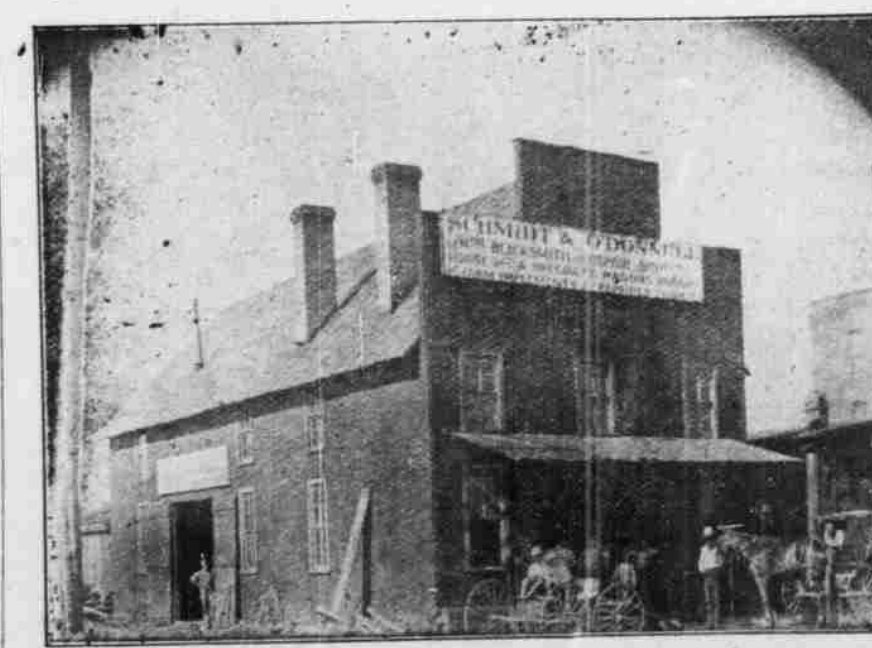
The first year was a very successful one. The attendance in the reading rooms which had at first been abnormal, sometimes reaching as high as thirty-five a day, declined to a more healthy average, the circulation of books continued to increase, and the secretary's report at the end of the year shows the following encouraging facts:

Cash on hand..... \$17.50
Other solvent resources..... 50.00
Liabilities..... —
No. of books at opening of the library..... 317
Added by donation..... 25
Added by purchase..... 116
Sixteen magazines and papers were subscribed for during the year

friends by keeping one of the best and freshest stocks of groceries, both staple and fancy, in the city, and treating everyone fairly and squarely. His business house is on First Street two doors south of the C. B. A. Building.

SCHMIDT & O'DONNELL.

From the time of Vulcan, the husband of Venus, who forged the thunderbolts of Job, according to Grecian Mythology, the blacksmith's business has been one of the most honored of mankind. Schmidt & O'Donnell, the representatives of Vulcan, have been in the business in Union City the past five years, and in that time have built up a business that many in the same line would have been proud to have attained in twice five years. They not only shoe farm horses and mules in the most perfect manner, but are competent to put on any fancy trotting, pacing or anti-corking shoes to the entire satisfaction of an expert in such work. They also do all kinds of wood work and are makers of the celebrated Clipper wagon which is acknowledged one of the best wagons ever made. They also manufacture the very best double and tripple harrows. See them if needing anything in their line.



SCHMIDT & O'DONNELL'S BLACKSMITH SHOP.